

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 145  
By Burks

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Head Coach Jim Brown and the 2000-2001 Jackson County girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is extremely proud to honor those athletic teams who, through their magnificent accomplishments, are a source of pride for their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, The 2000-2001 Jackson County High School girls' basketball team, who won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament for the second straight year, is clearly one such outstanding team; and

WHEREAS, After finishing runner-up in Region 4 competition, Jackson County beat Tellico Plains, the Region 3 Tournament winner, by a resounding 47-36 margin; and

WHEREAS, At the State Tournament, the Lady Blue Devils defeated Giles County 48-42, Westview 62-38, and powerful arch-rival Upperman 46-42, to capture the coveted crown; and

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WHEREAS, The success of the team would not have been possible without "Den Mother" Dianne Spivey, the Most Valuable Player at the 1974 State Tournament and the leader of the 1973 State tournament-winning blue Devil squad, which had an unblemished 35-0 record; sadly, Diane lost her long battle to cancer the morning of the State Tournament final game; and

WHEREAS, Highly regarded Head Coach Jim Brown and his fine Assistant Coach Barbara Brown have done an excellent job of guiding the team this season; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Devils were led by shooting sensation Andrea Davidson, who was selected Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Miss Basketball; and

WHEREAS, The additional members of the squad were: Senior guard Becca Focer and guard Sarah Gipson; Junior guard Emily Lane; Sophomore guard Jennifer Harris, post Ashley Hopkins, guard Deanna Apple, guard Megan Pepper and forward Alyssa Bowman; Freshmen forward Candace Stafford, forward Courtney Childress, post Kayla Olson, guard Sheena Hager, guard Amanda Naff and post Marissa Hensley, each of whom made a significant contribution to the success the squad has enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially commemorate this outstanding team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Jim Brown and the 2000-2001 Jackson County girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State tournament and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.